

## Spring Statewide Assessment Participation Guidelines for Grades 2-8

### Spring NECAP Science with notes on NH-Alt

#### Elementary/Middle School Students who Must Test

**All\*** *NH public elementary/middle school students*, regardless of placement, are required (except as noted below) to participate in each content area of the statewide assessment at the elementary/middle school level as follows:

- **Regularly assessed students:** a student participates in the appropriate grade level Spring NECAP each year he or she is enrolled in grade 4 or 8 as of May 1 of each year.
- **Students in the court system**, adjudicated as juveniles must participate in the assessment.
- **Students who repeat a grade** that is included in the statewide assessment must participate in the assessment
- **Students in elementary/middle school alternative programs** must participate in the assessment.

**All\*** Except for cases listed below, *All\* NH public elementary/middle school students* is defined as all students who are enrolled in any public NH school or program including students attending alternate and off-site programs; all students who have been placed by any NH district in any non-public or private schools (both in-state and out-of-state); and all students who have been placed by any NH district in any out-of-state public school. These students are identified in i4see enrollment files with an enrollment status of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 11.

Note: Students identified for **NH Alternate Assessment** must complete a year-long portfolio in science during grades 4 and 8. These portfolio assessments were started in the fall and will be submitted for scoring in May. The results are combined with the results of the May NECAP science tests. NH-Alt students in grades 4, 8 or 11 who enroll after February 1 from any enrollment that is not NH publicly funded may be eligible for exemption from the spring NECAP science test. Please contact the state assessment office for verification.

Note: **First year LEP students** are not exempt.

#### Exceptions- Students who are Not Required to Participate in Certain Assessments:

- **Students who are completing a grade 4 or 8 NH-Alt science portfolio in school year 2008-2009:** Students who will submit a May 2009 NH-Alt portfolio should not be tested with the Spring NECAP Science. (They may, however, participate on a trial basis.)
- **Students with State Approved Special Considerations (e.g. Medical Exemptions):** These students are exempt from those content areas identified within written approval by the NHDoE Director of Assessment.
- **Enrolled After Test Window Opens:** NECAP students who enroll from anywhere other than a NH district after May 11 do not need to be tested. (Students who enroll from a NH district should complete testing.)
- **Withdrew During Test Window:** Students who withdraw prior to finishing testing do not need to finish testing at that location. (For students scheduled to participate in the NECAP test, withdrawal status must be bubbled on the student's answer booklet). If the student then enrolls in a NH district, the receiving district should administer the remainder of the test.
- Students **adjudicated and incarcerated as an adult in the NH prison system** do not need to be tested.
- **Enrolled Out-of-State:** Student placed out-of-state by the district who participate in the receiving state's assessment and accountability system should not be tested. (Report these students to the state assessment director.)
- **Home Schooled Students:** Home schooled students may, but do not have to, be tested at the parent's discretion. This applies to students that are fully home schooled (not appearing in BOY file), and those home schooled students who are participating in funded activities at the school (enrollment status 4 in i4see enrollment files).